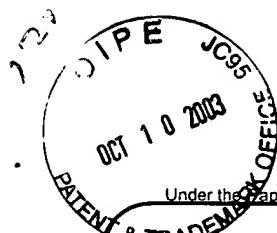


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Request
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Continued Examination (RCE)
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Application Number	08/833,838
Filing Date	April 10, 1997
First Named Inventor	Bruce D. Gaynor
Art Unit	1644
Examiner Name	G.R. Ewoldt, Ph.D.
Attorney Docket Number	96700/451

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

a. Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

i. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Rely Brief previously filed on _____

ii. Other _____

b. Enclosed

i. Amendment/Reply (with referenced attachment) iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

ii. Affidavit(s)/ Declaration(s) iv. Other Fee Transmittal Form PTO/SB/17; cover letter detailing enclosures; return receipt postcard

2. **Miscellaneous**

a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

b. Other _____

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

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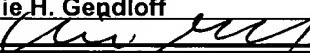
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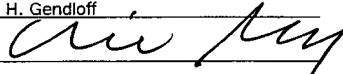
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 Title: PEPTIDES FOR THE TREATMENT AND DIAGNOSIS OF
 SYSTEMIC LUPUS ERYTHEMATOSUS
 Inventors: Bruce D. Gaynor, Betty A. Diamond, Matthew D. Scharff,
 and Philippe Valadon
 Our File: 96700/451

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find the following documents for filing with the above-identified application in the names of Bruce D. Gaynor, Betty A. Diamond, Matthew D. Scharff, and Philippe Valadon, entitled PEPTIDES FOR THE TREATMENT AND DIAGNOSIS OF SYSTEMIC LUPUS ERYTHEMATOSUS:

1. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal form (1 page);
2. Fee Transmittal for FY 2004 (PTO/SB/17) (1 page);
3. Reply and Amendment under 37 CFR 1.114 Accompanying Request for Continuing Examination, with a two-month extension of time requested therein (5 pages) and a referenced article (Sharma, et al., 2003, *Rheumatology* 42:453-460, "Studies of human polyclonal and monoclonal antibodies binding to lupus autoantigens and cross-reactive antigens") attached thereto (8 pages);

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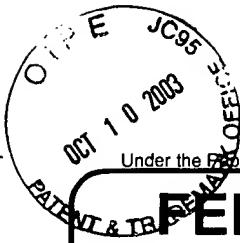
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1451 1,510	1451 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
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